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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1657

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: State Transportation Oversight Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Austin

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes the State Transportation Oversight Commission to review and make recommendations to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Indiana Finance Authority with respect to various issues affecting the state transportation system. It requires INDOT to make annual reports to the commission.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill creates the 21-member State Transportation Oversight Commission. The members of the Commission are entitled to per diem, mileage, and travel allowances in the same amount as the Legislative Council provides for members of interim study committees. Legislative Services Agency will staff the Commission and the Commission may employ consultants to assist with its duties. The Commission shall annually report the results of its study to the General Assembly before November 1. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for committees with more than 16 members.

Additionally, the bill requires INDOT to provide before September 1 of each year reports concerning finance, construction, projected spending, current project status, the reason for spending changes, recommendations for statutory changes, or other information required by the Commission. It is expected that the costs to provide this information is within the current resources of INDOT.

Background: The Commission will consist of 12 legislative members (6 from the Senate and 6 from the House of Representatives) and 9 lay members who have expertise in areas relating to the transportation (4

appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and 5 appointed by the Speaker of the House). The chairperson of the Legislative Council will appoint the Commission chair. The members will serve staggered four-year terms, and legislative members cease being a member of the Commission if they cease being a member of the General Assembly.

The Commission will review and provide recommendations concerning INDOT's implementation of its responsibilities, methods and levels of funding, the distribution of state and federal funds, the use and management of state and federal funds, implementation of an action, the terms and conditions of public-private agreements, and the enactment of legislation.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: INDOT.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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